

Our own view is that Mr. Perle should have understood that Global Crossing was politically toxic. But you can tell something else is going on here because the ethics attack is now extending to the rest of the Board.

An outfit called the Center for Public Integrity—moral modesty is not part of its charter—has issued a report warning that “at least” nine of the 30 Board members have some sort of ties to defense contractors. Keep in mind that the Defense Board is purely advisory, its members work without pay and they abide by disclosure rules even though they have zero decision-making power. They serve only because the Secretary of Defense thinks their counsel might occasionally be worth listening to.

The suggestion nonetheless is that former CIA Director Jim Woolsey, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and retired Admiral William Owens, among others, shouldn't be able to serve on the advisory panel. How about taking a phone call from Donald Rumsfeld? Is that also too “incestuous?” We have reached the state of ethics in Washington in which Madonna could presumably serve as a Pentagon adviser but people who actually know something about national security cannot.

The objection is so transparently silly that one can only conclude that the real motivation here is political. The opponents of war with Iraq and change in the Middle East are trying to drive from public influence the folks who speak on behalf of those Bush Administration policies. “Integrity” is simply a smokescreen.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. NADLER (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business in the district.

Ms. WATERS (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of business in the district.

Mr. EVERETT (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of official business.

Mr. TOOMEY (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of personal business.

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MORAN of Virginia) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WELDON of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today, April 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Mrs. BIGGERT, for 5 minutes, April 1.

Mr. OSBORNE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TANCREDO, for 5 minutes, today. (The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. OSE, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 330. An act to further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary; in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. Con. Res. 30. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress to commend and express the gratitude of the United States to the nations participating with the United States in the Coalition to Disarm Iraq; to the Committee on International Relations.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at 10:30 a.m., for morning hour debates.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1560. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — *Bacillus pumilus* GB 34; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-2002-0328; FRL-7286-9] received March 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1561. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — *S-Metolachlor*; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-2003-0 046; FRL-7229-8] received March 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1562. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a request to make available contingent emergency funds pursuant to Public Law 107-42, the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 2001; (H. Doc. No. 108—60); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

1563. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting Final Priority — Experimental and Innovative Training Program, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1564. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting an

update on the status of submissions of Fiscal Years (FY) 2001 and 2002 Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) Reports for the Department; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1565. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania; Construction, Modification and Operation Permit Programs [PA202-4400a; FRL-7474-2] received March 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1566. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas; California — Indian Wells Valley PM-10 Nonattainment Area [CA-276-0380; FRL-7461-5] received March 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1567. A letter from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Indiana [IN214-1a; FRL-7470-7] received March 27, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1568. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certifications and waivers and their justification under section 565(b) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 of the prohibition against contracting with firms that comply with the Arab League Boycott of the State of Israel and of the prohibition against contracting with firms that discriminate in the award of subcontracts on the basis of religion, pursuant to Public Law 103—236, section 565(b) (108 Stat. 845); to the Committee on International Relations.

1569. A letter from the Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting the annual report on Military Assistance, Military Exports, and Military Imports for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on International Relations.

1570. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations Related to the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) [Docket No. 030304054-3054-01] (RIN: 0694-AC22) received March 26, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

1571. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of the Presidential Determination No. 2003-04, Imposition and Waiver of Sanctions Under Section 604 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003; to the Committee on International Relations.

1572. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report pursuant to Section 3 of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on International Relations.

1573. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report of surplus real property transferred for public health purposes for October 1, 2001, through September 30, 2002, pursuant to Public Law 100—77, section 601 (101 Stat. 515); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1574. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 15-33, “Emancipation Day Fund Temporary Act of 2003” received March